(a) whether Arrah-Sasaram (Martin) railway line was operational in the past;

(b) whether the Govenment proposed recently to restore the railway line; and

(c) if so, when it is likely to be restored and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) A survey was done in 1980-81 which revealed this line as unremunerative Moreover, the Railways are facing an acute resource crunch and the funds provided by the Planning Commission are not adequate even for progressing the ongoing works. Besides this, good road services exist in the area.

[English]

Production of Natural Gas

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Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state

(a) the State-wise names of the places from where natural gas is being produced; and

(b) the quantity and value of natural gas utilised and associated and non-associated gas flared at each place during last one year?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI B SHANKARANAND): (a) and (b) The State-wise production, utilisation, flaring of associated gas and value thereof for the year 1990-91 is given in the attached statement

STATEMENT

State	Production MMSCM	Utilisation MMSCM	Flaring MMSCM	Value Utilised Rs crores	Value Flared Rs crores
Assam	2011	1389	622	69.45	31.10
Arunachal Pradesh	29.4	—	29.4	—	1.47
Andhra Pradesh	46	41	5	5.74	0.70
Gujarat	1696	1295	401	181.30	56.14
Tamil Nadu	64	9	55	1.26	7.70
Tripura	70	70	—	9.8	0.00
TOTAL	3916.4	2804	1112.4	267.55	97.11

NOTE: The value has been calculated at the selling price of Rs. 500/1000 cu. mts. for the North Eastern States and at the selling price of Rs. 1400/1000 cu. mts. for the rest of the country.